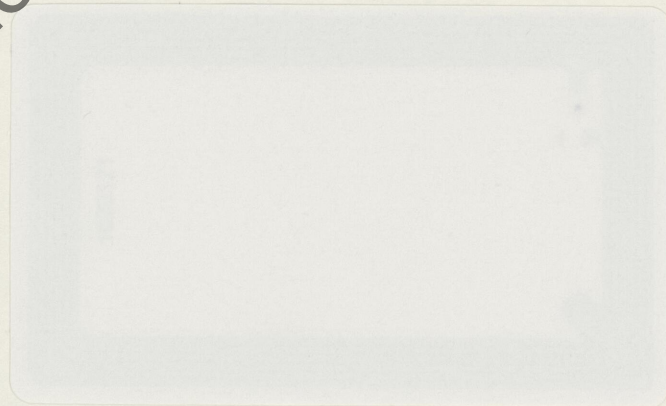


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Top (left to right): Bob Fults, Kurt Lauman, Lester Herro, Jack Veith, Pete Danhoff, Chuck Black, Ken Lossman, Bill Schipper, Mark Ritzinger. Bottom: Jim Cerny, Mark White, Arabel Hatfield, Jerry Strauman, Alla Sakowicz, Rich Frazier, Tom Longa, Bruce Uhler, Robin Swetlow, Carl Beck, Don Rossi. (Inset) Gary Porter.

OMEGA DELTA . . .

What is an OMEGA????? Omega Delta's past is long but not forgotten. Times change and so do fraternities. The idea of harassment and putting pledges through a long rigamorole has become rather passe. Tradition has not died, the pledges still make the boards and collect all vital statistics on the brothers and wives and/or gals. Yet, I am sure the newer brothers wonder what they have missed and the rest of the brothers want a reminder of the great pieces of rhetoric, so called, "Gems of Literature" the pledges had to learn. So here goes

1. What is a pledge?

A pledge is so low that it would take a special dispensation from heaven to raise him above the level of whale shit on the bottom of the ocean at low tide.

2. What is the Wonga Wonga Bird?

The wonga wonga bird is a bird that flies in an ever decreasing concentric circle until it flies up its own asshole, from which vantage point it slings shit into the eyes of its enemies, screaming "Wonga Wonga" which means: "I can't see for shit!"

3. What is the Filla Lulu Bird?

The Filla Lulu Bird is a bird that flies at the most altitudinous heights and lands on the most altitudinous peaks, until it spies a virgin far, far down in the valley. It slides down the bare, bare rocks on its bare, bare ass, screaming "Filla Lulu, Filla Lulu," which means (in the vernacular of the common French whore) I GET BUT ONE PIECE OF TAIL A YEAR, BUT WHEN I DO, KEE-RIST WHAT A SENSATION.

4. What is a visual Problem?

It is a stress induced decrement in the ability to mobilize experience within an accepted time, slowing down the search for meaning and delaying the formation of the final common motor pathway, desynchronizing the in-input-integration-output-feedback paths.

Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief

Dr. Hatfield

From time to time someone makes issue of the word "doctor". "Are you a 'real' doctor?" "No, I'm not a 'reel' doctor, I'm a 'golf' doctor". The subject is usually left at some such inane level. Curiosity led me to do a little looking up. Wanting to know background rather than terse definition, I passed up the work of Webster and consulted the more scholarly work — "The Oxford English Dictionary." This 12 volume work was from the earlier 10 volume "A New English Dictionary on Historical Principles." Historical meaning was my interest in the word "doctor" so I felt ready to read. Here is what I found.

Doctor as variously doctour, doktor is from Latin through French. The root verb "docere" to teach—gives rise to "doctor-doctoreum" teacher. Early references start with the year 1387. Most references are to religious teachers as Caxton's 1485 reference "Saynt Paul doctor of Verite." Further definition "one whose attainments entitle him to express an authoritative opinion" (Dates as early as 1340). Other religious references are as early as 1303. (Continued on Page 2)



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Next definition was that of "highest degree conferred by a University" originally implying competency to teach a subject but is now regarded as a certificate of highest proficiency. (Dates from 1377). Next then "one who is proficient in the knowledge of theology or law." And finally, "a doctor of medicine, in popular current use applied to any medical practitioner." Other usage was a name for various mechanical appliances, a fish, a kind of artificial fly, something used to "doctor" or adulterate, a ship's cook, and a set of loaded dice.

Now I know to be a real doctor I must have the *highest* attainment as a teacher, theologian, lawyer with a degree to show for it, be any medical practitioner, serve as a ship's cook, be willing to adulterate anything at hand and carry a set of loaded dice.

In self review I teach, am active in my religion, have been called a "philadelphia lawyer" (I think without compliment), have a degree, am a health care practitioner, have served as a camp cook, and have mixed bad drinks. My problem is I haven't a set of loaded dice!

Ghosts and Goblins . . . Well . . . LJ

Halloween was fun and games this year. The costume party was my main attention. Robin's house was the site and the name of the game was bribe the judge — fortunately I was the judge and one of the few single guys there. The wives were very coercive in helping in the big decision of first or second place; unfortunately, when the final moment came for each couple to do their thing e.g., act as they were dressed, I could not even see them due to Robin's hospitality. Consulting my two fellow judges we picked Egor (skipper) and wife Belinda as first and Raggedy Ann and Andy (Sandy and Ken) as second.

Then all hell broke loose, with bobbing for apples and at the same time seeing how long you could hold your breath under water. Unexpected baths were taken along with beer shampoos. I left Robin's crazy haunted house realizing that the bribes were all show and no go and hopped on my broom and spent the rest of the night chasing spooks and goblins!

COME ALL YE FAITHFUL . . .

CAN YOUR LUCK STAND FRIDAY THE 13TH??? Put it to the test. All Omega Delta alumni are invited to attend our Fall Smoker on December 13th at Burger and Stein — corner of Halsted and 31st St.

Festivities begin at 7:00 P.M. This should give you a chance to meet the present brothers and get reacquainted with old friends you haven't seen in ages. . . .

"Brothers to Join Hands"

Rumor has it that the old fraternity rivalries may be (temporarily) set aside. So throw away those fraternity weapons and that nasty propaganda, men . . . at least long enough to tackle a giant sized screening project tentatively proposed for St. Eugenes here in Chicago. It's a whopper! If all goes well, over 900 students, from pre-schoolers to 8th graders, will be screened. . . . Bravo Brothers! A worthy project indeed!

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PULLING OURSELVES UP BY OUR OWN BOOTSTRAPS

Jim Cerny, President

What happened to Alpha Chapter often happens when you have too much of a good thing. In 1970, the 45 actives of alpha chapter, consisting of third and fourth year students became a very close knit group with brotherhood the law of the land. They took in few pledges that year with no one from the second year. Then they were into the 71-72 school year and 30 of the brothers were seniors and about to graduate. Well, they would still be a sizable group so they felt little need to worry. They pledged 6 third year students that year.

Suddenly, it was the 72-73 school year and Alpha had only 6 brothers left. With only 6 people they had their work cut out for them—they even had a little edge with the new policy of allowing 3rd quarter first year students to pledge. However, by the end of that year only 1 third year student, 4 second year students and 1 first year student had pledged.

At the beginning of the 73-74 school year, the chapter found itself back in the same position of only 6 brothers. The Fall rush brought in only 3 second year men. With only 9 members plus financial and other problems, the handwriting was on the wall—the chapter, if kept on its same course might soon cease to exist. A new approach had to be taken. All emphasis was placed on rushing and acquiring alumni support. 1600 letters were sent to alumni seeking their help. An active rush that Spring produced 12 new brothers.

This fall term finds Alpha with a more comfortable role of 20 brothers. More accurately 17 brothers and 3 sisters! Since one of the original founders was a woman, a co-ed fraternity was the only logical outcome yet we ranked third out of the four fraternities on campus and the smallest of the six remaining active chapters of Omega Delta.

A new policy change makes it possible for first year students to rush this Fall. With the help of a few of the alumni,

DON'T MISS THE OMEGA DELTA SMOKER DEC. 13

we plan an active rush which, by the way, will be held on Friday, December 13, 1974, and we encourage all alumni to attend.

At present Omega Delta at ICO is a very viable group. We have an active intramural football team, which is in first place. Our social calendar includes a Halloween, Christmas and Wine tasting party. Also a tour of the University of Illinois Eye clinic at the Medical Center along with the traditional screening projects. Last Spring we established an annual Dr. Glen Moore Memorial Service award in honor of an outstanding Optometrist and brother. . . . Furthermore, reviving the Alphian is in itself a big undertaking (much of the credit should go to the editor—Robin Swetlow). So, as you can see Omega Delta—Alpha Chapter is alive and well.

SPORTS AT ITS BEST.

by Bob Fultz

What is the OD "Steel"? It is a football team made up of Omega Delta members and prospective members. The nickname "Steel" comes from a hobby of a few members (headed by Jerry Stralman) on the team that lift weights (push steel). Any way, Omega Delta does have a very impressive I.M. football team. It seems that their specialty is defense. In four games the defense has held the opposition to 13 points, plus the defense itself has forced 2 safeties, and 1 touchdown, via a pass interception by defensive captain, Ken Lossman, for a total of 10 points.

As far as the offense is concerned, it is a passing oriented squad with team captain Bob Fultz and split-end Dale Heastow as primary receivers for quarter back Don Helms. The offense has averaged over 20 points per game with their mixtures of short and long aeriels.

At present writing, the "Steel" are 4-0 with 2 games to be played before the division's champions face each other in a November playoff. Needless to say, Omega Delta will be giving their usual 110% to stay on top. GOOD LUCK STEEL!

SUMMER CLINIC,

by Don Rossi

Looking back on it, it was a great way to spend a summer.

No anxieties about finding a job—who wants to hire someone for six weeks in the middle of July and August?

No worries about where to go on vacation—with no joy and paying summer tuition, who had money to go somewhere?

No frustrations with golf, getting sunburned, wasting time with tennis or TV—we had a purpose: summer clinic.

For those of you who have yet to experience it or for those who would like to reminisce, allow me to share with you some of the experiences that made summer clinic memorable.

Finding an examination room was one. For some mysterious reason, there never seemed quite enough to go around. It got to be a game like musical chairs. It worked like this. You started on the north side of the building and ran rapidly south checking each exam room as you went while trying to plan your return trip to coincide with someone finishing an exam. Sometimes there must have been five or six of us racing through, trying to look nonchalant to our patients.

It was most amusing when you were in a room with your patient and she turned out to be a foxy looking lady. Then the number of room searchers would definitely increase in your area and even some staff doctors would check in to see if the room was taken.

Of course, this was nothing compared to being an "X" man or woman. It more or less referred to your status as a doctor, not your chromosome count. "X" meant you were there in case the clinic suddenly became besieged with an overload of patients or an intern didn't show or some other emergency.

Usually there were no real emergencies and the experience could have been pretty dull if it weren't for the other things going on in summer clinic.

Take the day a guy came in wearing short shorts and requested a woman doctor. Well, his request was honored and when the time came for his exam and he sat down in the chair, it became painfully obvious that the guy's shorts were really too short.

And there were countless heavy gals who appeared in mini halters.

Otherwise — it was practice as usual at the eye clinic.

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ROBIN SWETLOW

With this first publication, grounds are being laid for a semi-annual edition. Our main premise is to provide a paper of interest and service to the alumni as well as the students of the school. With that idea in mind, we invite the alumni to contribute articles, notices, ads, etc. Let us know what you remember about Omega Delta—rushing, parties, anything. Or let us know what's happened since you've left us.

Is the grass really greener on the far side of the hill? This summer I went with my family on a trip through the eastern U. S. and Canada. While in Philadelphia, New York, and Boston we visited the optometric schools in these cities. Most students usually think that students at other schools are learning more, have better teachers, and an overall better school. Since I am no different than other students I was curious to see what other optometric schools had to offer.

What I discovered was that all schools have the same basic curriculum. Each school has its emphasis in the academic area. If representatives from the various schools would meet and exchange ideas, it would aid in offering the best education possible to the students.

Even though the academic areas of the schools as compared with ICO were about the same, this was not true for the clinical exposure. The ICO clinic is located in one building instead of scattered in different areas of the city as is true of the other schools. Of the four schools, ICO has the most modern and possibly the best equipped clinic. The students owe many thanks to the alumni association for the clinical facilities. An ICO intern has more opportunities to become involved in the doctor-patient relationship which is necessary for private practice.

Is the grass really greener on the far side of the hill? For an ICO intern, no. However, we most likely will not realize this until we have been on our own for a couple of years.
Arabel Hatfield.

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— Editor

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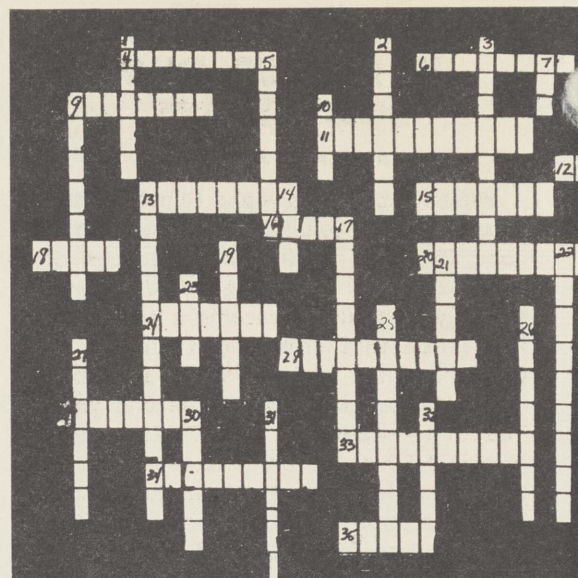
4. Instrument used to observe entopic images.
6. Bone that enters into the formation of the roof, medial, and lateral walls of the orbit.
9. Opacity of the lens.
11. Instrument for measuring the ant. curvature of the cornea.
12. Just noticeable difference (abv)
13. Applanation tonometer.
15. Plastic lens applied to the eye.
16. Telescope used for low vision.
18. Rotations, fixations, accommodative rock.
20. Condition occurring over 40 years of age with low accommodative ability.
24. Chemical used to stimulate the parasympathetic nervous system and thus constrict the pupil.
28. Man who devised the "increasing tension" theory of accommodation.
29. A striated glass test for visual sensory and motor functioning.
33. Visual discomfort.
34. Primary action of the medial rectus muscle.
35. Ω

DOWN

1. Decussation of the optic nerve.
2. Mirror forming a real image.
3. Inflammation of the cornea.
5. A rocking procedure to improve the facility of accommodation.
7. Optometry's oldest institution (sbv)
8. Unit of luminous intensity.
9. Vascular tunic's primary function is to nourish the retina.
10. Graphic record of the heart's action.
13. First year optics.
14. Cross minus the lag.
17. Pseudochromatic plates for color vision testing.
19. Ability to bend light.
21. Step-like defect indicative of glaucoma.
22. A shift of the luminating curve during transition from rod to cone adaptation.
23. Optometric Extension Program (abv)
25. Father of Optometry.
26. Finger estimation of ocular tension.
30. Synonym for density.
31. Ability to perform a visual act.
32. Δ

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